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Kids learn to "color with a cop"

BY LACIE NELSON

For some, the word "cop" doesn't always bring the most pleasant thoughts to mind, but the Grand Island Police Department is trying to change that—though their solution may seem unusual. Their solution involves a box of crayons and the Grand Island Public Library.

The Grand Island Public Library, or better known as the Edith Abbott Memorial Library, is hosting a new activity called "Color with a Cop" every third Thursday of the month from 10:00 to 10:30 am. At this activity, parents can bring their little ones for stories and coloring with a couple of GI's own boys [and girls] in blue.

"The cops wanted to do something for the kids, so they talked to the library supervisors, and got in. They really wanted to do something for the community," library worker Alessandra Valencia said.

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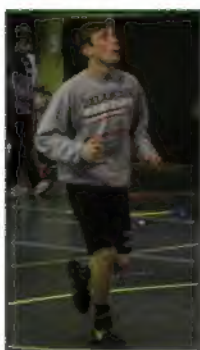
Officer Piercy of the Grand Island Police Department reads Christmas stories to children before coloring with them at Color With a Cop at the Grand Island Public Library.

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Grayson Fries

Being deaf since he was four, a Northwest wrestler overcomes his challenges.

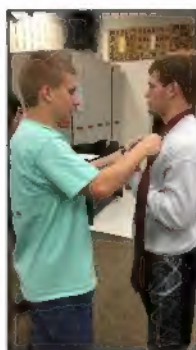
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Grab 'em by the politics

BY LACIE NELSON



I'm pretty sure that it's not new information when I say: I'm usually pretty roasty when it comes to politics. I normally believe in the spirit of healthy debate. I often find myself pushing other people to explain and justify their opinions. My general attitude toward politics is that our society should be involved in them, and that we have to stop shying away from them. Now, I get it; I hear you whining "But, politics make me uncomfortable, Lacie!" Well, that's because we as a society have lost the ability to respectfully debate. Politics are becoming increasingly uncomfortable to talk about because our society has some issues when it comes to casually discussing this integral part of our national identity. News flash: "Politics" isn't a dirty word; so why can't we talk about it?

So that person you're somehow related to is sitting at your dinner table for that wonderful time of year when families come together, and you couldn't be more uncomfortable. That guy [seriously, how are you related?] is still talking about politics. Now, the two of you share very different

views so obviously when you hear him talk, the only option is to completely shut down and avoid him and his discussion, right? No. Not exactly. This sort of behavior is contributing towards a massive, ever-growing problem in our society--the political divide. America is divided into two clashing sides that can't agree on an issue to save their lives. Rather than being two collaborative halves of a whole system, our political parties have decided that the easier option is to just be completely divided and non agreeing. They refuse to listen to the other side simply because they do not share the exact same ideas. This leads to a sense of superiority and elitism within the parties. So when that guy [who you have to be related to somehow because he's always at family reunions] starts talking about the election and you ignore him and wish he weren't talking simply because you don't agree with him, think about how that ideology is contributing to our society.

But while we've talked about what the political divide is, we still haven't fully explained how it's caused. So basically it's caused because the two sides can't work together, but how did our nation end up there? At a place where we're so deeply divided that we can't overcome our differences and show each other decency even in times of disagreement? Where half of the country is genuinely scared of the other half? Well, this wouldn't be the first time, if you recall that little thing called the Civil War. Anyway, this mentality of our nation all ties in with our inability to listen. Listening patiently and working towards understanding within the two parties means that we would all be a little more educated. Right now, we're making judgements about the opinions of others and writing them off without even fully understanding them. That's the heart of the dangerous political divide--simple lack of education. To solve this: Engage in a little healthy debate with someone you don't agree with. It's a way to ensure that you fully understand their viewpoint from every angle. Actually listen to the person you're disagreeing with; educate yourself on their opinion so you can truly understand what you agree on and what you disagree on. You'll probably find that you agree on more than you think. This makes for an educated, respectful society. One that works together toward solutions. One that advances our country. In fact, Abraham Lincoln himself once warned of the dangers of internal conflict within our country and society.

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

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Northwest offers new tech opportunities

BY KRISTAL O'BRIEN

As the school-assigned Chromebooks become older and need more repair, one Northwest student has been able to gain real-world experiences fixing computers and dealing with both hardware and basic

software. Sophomore Ally Burger fixes computer screens, takes apart and puts together computers, and fixes Wi-Fi. Burger is the first to be part of a new tech program coming to Northwest in the near future.

This program is put on by Heather Callihan, Diane Rouzee, Brian Gibson and Scott Potter, who hope to have the program in full swing after Christmas.

For now, students will be working before school, during lunch periods, and after school. But, by next year, Callihan hopes to turn the program into a real class. Freshman Academy administrator Marty Moser agrees that the student tech center will be beneficial for students.

"The student tech center is going to be a great opportunity to not only work with other kids, but to also potentially help teachers. [The students could] help them with technology issues. I feel like this is going to be a great opportunity to just learn a lot about technology, [and] in turn, help other students and teachers," Moser said.

The students in this group will not only be able to help the students with their needs,

but also learn technology from each other. Students can come in with any amount of experience, because the group involves on-the-job-training.

Though this technology group does not yet have a name, students are encouraged to join. There is no limit on how many people can join, and they would like to have students in every chance they can get.



Sophomore Ally Burger works on a Chromebook during advisement.

PHOTO BY KRISTAL O'BRIEN

Speech season gets kids ready to talk up a [winter] storm

BY EFFY WIDDIFIELD

When people think of school extracurriculars, the mind often goes to activities such as sports or theater; however, speech has a large number of students involved and many competitions are dedicated to critiquing how a student presents their script and its structure.

One unique and fun detail about Northwest's speech team this year is that, since the theme is *Harry Potter*, all students have been "sorted" into the four houses used at the magical school Hogwarts.

"We decided that [the] house concept would be a good idea to create a team culture and friendly intrasquad camaraderie. As speech performers, we also try to create magic through our performances," speech coach Brian Mohr said.

Speech varies from similar activities like debate or mock-trial in that, students are presenting a script rather than trying to

sway the audience.

"You are staying on one subject, but you get to add in your own spice to it. In debate, you are trying to prove your point, which [you do] in some script types for speech, but there are a lot of scripts where you're acting or doing an entertainment script," Gryffindor freshman Madyson Ludwig said.



Speech members Slytherin Ethan Kuhn, Gryffindor Ally Burger, Slytherin Brent Lucke, and Ravenclaw Megan Smallwood write scripts together.

PHOTO BY EFFY WIDDIFIELD

There are nine separate events for members to compete in. Persuasive and informative could be compared to debate, as students write a script ahead of time and present it at the competition. Participants are given an hour to write a script around a topic given by the hosts in extemporaneous. Students can present poetry, or make a parody of recent events in

entertainment. Members can choose to adapt an existing speech, throwing either a humorous or serious spin to it. Small groups can enter together in the oral interpretation of drama category, or two can collaborate and do a duet performance.

"Speech competitions are all over the place. You go into different rooms for each round and you get ranked based on your performance. If you're really good, you get into finals and medal," Gryffindor house leader and senior Haley Powers said.

Before the competitions roll around this winter, students are working to develop their scripts during optional Tuesday night meetings.

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The officers and children alike were excited to be attending the event. To Valencia, it was not hard to see that the kids were enjoying themselves.

"[The kids] like coloring with the cops. They're friendly, and they like talking to [the cops] every time that they're here," Valencia said.

Valencia was not the only one who could see how excited the children were, though. Officer Butch Hurst, an officer who participated in the event, also noticed how friendly the children seemed.

"They want to read; they want to color. So far, we've had very good results. We've gone to Headstart, we've gone to several of the bigger childcare centers, and it's turned out

very well," Hurst said.

Hurst mentioned that the kids were not the only ones having a good time. He too believed that the event was a valuable experience for him.

"Sometimes you forget what little kids like,

and this [event] makes it easier to start to remember what they like, what they don't like, and to keep it moving," Hurst said.

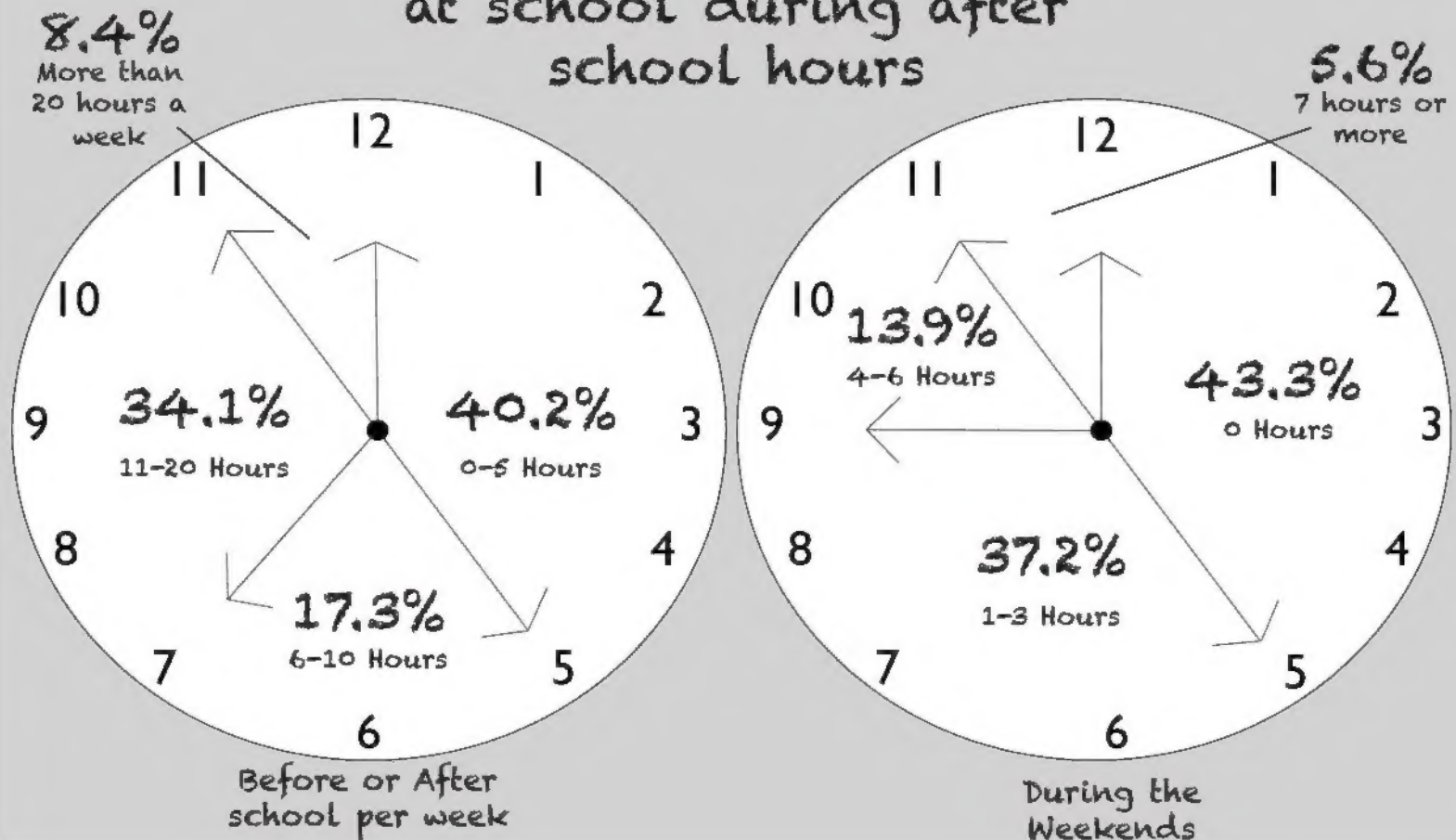
The real importance of the event, though, is that the kids learn that law enforcement is their friend. Getting kids used to being comfortable and feeling safe around police officers was the entire objective of the activity.

"We need to get the younger kids to understand that law enforcement is your friend. You might see us write a ticket, and most of our interactions are not in a positive light—but we're trying to show that there is another side of law enforcement. I think it's very important for the kids. [They are learning] that we can be their friend, that we have families, we do everything they and their parents do—sometimes our job is a little bit different," Hurst said.



Officer Piercy converses with some of the children as they color.
PHOTO BY LACIE NELSON

Students spending time at school during after school hours



What happened to Nebraska Football?

By BRENDEN HOLLING



Another year, another bowl game that Nebraska is in that nobody has ever heard of. This year it's the *Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl* against the Tennessee Volunteers on December 30. To make this worse, the game is being played in Nashville, Tennessee, only 175 miles from Tennessee's home stadium. It will be basically a home game for the Volunteers. Even the official Twitter account of the Music City Bowl tweeted out a pro-Tennessee remark.

But, it seems like Nebraska fans are used to the mediocrity of their football team. For the last fifteen years, Nebraska has been a middle of the pack team. They've had their bright spots, like making it to the Big 12 championship game in 2009 and starting off with 7 straight wins in 2016, but also they've had some lows too, like missing the bowl season altogether in 2005 with a record of

5-6. They just haven't done anything like what they did in the 1990s and that was win championships.

The question is: what ever happened to Nebraska Football? From 1970 to 1998, Nebraska consistently qualified for the big name bowls like the Orange and Fiesta Bowl. It hasn't been since 2002 that Nebraska made it to a BCS bowl, and that was the Rose Bowl against Miami where Nebraska lost 37-14.

Is the coach the problem? Is it the players? Well, all Nebraska has is tradition. They were good back then, but they aren't now. Barely any big time college recruits want to come to a school because of the tradition. They want to win championships. Nebraska just doesn't have the power to lure a well known coach to get the five star recruits. Nobody wants to come to the middle of nowhere and do nothing besides play football, because honestly, that's all you can do in Lincoln.

With all the recent uninspired play, new, younger local Nebraska fans have taken their passion elsewhere to places like Oregon, with all their fancy uniforms and stuff, or Alabama, who has won the last 4 out of 6 championships and is on their way to win another. Nebraska

has had basically the same uniforms for their whole, entire existence, and they haven't won anything in 20 years. Nebraska may look to make a change in those departments hopefully soon.

It's hard to completely restart a college program, and this isn't saying that they should, but Nebraska needs to bring back the qualities and cultures that were so popular during the 90's. Coach Tom Osborne believed in traditional Nebraskan values like hard work and dedication, and he brought those qualities to his coaching. After Osborne retired from coaching, those qualities went wayside and the new coaches tried to implement new ways of thinking and that didn't work at all. What Nebraska needs to do is find a coach from Nebraska that has the same ideas as Osborne. That is a very difficult task and might never happen, but that's what it'll probably take.

As for the young fans, give Nebraska some time. Nebraska football is the only football team in Nebraska that is worth watching. Stay loyal to your state and watch Nebraska football with pride. Help keep the traditions that Nebraska worked so hard to earn.

Grayson Fries takes the mat

By KRYSTAL O'BRIEN

Growing up with hearing aids since he was four, Sophomore Grayson Fries was told that he would never be able to do any contact sports. Not being able to hear on the wrestling mat, and having to look at the scoreboard are struggles he has, but he never lets them affect him nor does he use them as an excuse.

As a freshman, Fries made state wrestling.

He is very determined and makes his dream become reality when it comes to wrestling. He does many things to be the best wrestler that he possibly can be: He works hard in the weight room, attends camps during the summer, and brings leadership to the team.

"I feel Grayson had worked very hard to get to State. He puts in a lot of time during the summer in the weight room and attending camps, so I was very happy that it paid off for him. It usually is very tough for a freshmen to make it to State. So if they do, they have usually earned it. I think Grayson brings hard work and dedication to our team. He also shows his teammates that he will not let his disability get in the way and he is out to prove people wrong," wrestling coach Brian Sybrandts said.

Fries has been setting goals for many years and was ecstatic to be reaching those goals as a freshman.

"I felt pretty excited and happy; it was the best thing in the world because it was my dream since I was four," Fries said.

His goal for freshman year was to have 20 wins. Very quickly, he reached that goal. After

Christmas, he brought it up to 30 wins and to make state as a freshman, when the end of the season rolled around he had 36 wins and went 0-2 at State. This year as a sophomore, his goal is to get 40 wins, win every invite, and place at state.

"Just work hard, stick with it and make sure you push yourself," Fries said.



Grayson Fries wrestles with Elvis Castillo during practice.
PHOTO TAKEN BY KRYSTAL O'BRIEN



ART at NORTHWEST

Northwest art classes provide essential life skills

BY KATIE SMALLWOOD

For many people, art is a creative way to express one's emotions and perspective.

According to USNews.com, back in 2008 around 80% of art classes in the United States were cut from schools. While it was kept at Northwest, some don't see the advantages art has to offer to students.

"The most obvious is that it offers students a creative outlet and a way to express themselves. It allows students to experience the visual arts and to see if that could be something that students would like to pursue a career in," art teacher Beau Studley said.

Art also teaches talents that can be carried over to other areas of their lives.

"The benefits that students receive from taking art carry over to other classes, to their jobs, and to their daily lives and experiences. It's hard to imagine a situation that possessing artful talents would not be helpful to someone," Studley said.

While art is seen as just a creative and fun extracurricular, art can help students succeed in other ways.

"[Art] helps students to think outside the box, become problem solvers, become great at time management, know there's more than one solution to a problem, care about the way things look, feel, and function, analyze what they see, imagine, and transform," Studley said.

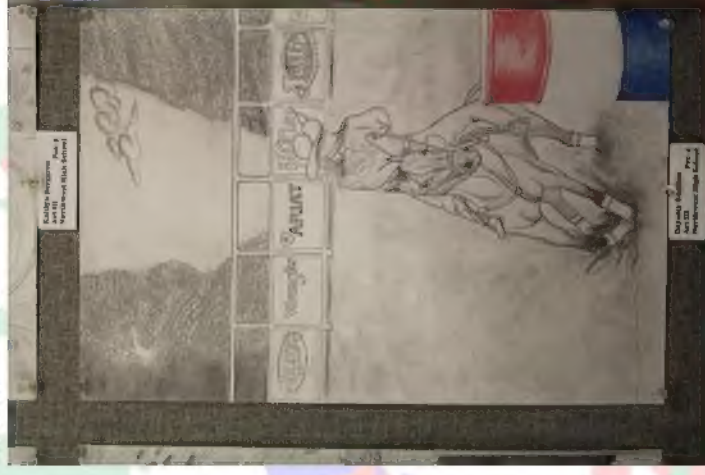
Art may also help students land a job someday in their future.

"I think the advances that are seen in students are also seen down the road, as art better prepares students for what may lie ahead of them in their future. One of the most important things that CEOs are looking for in an applicant today is 'creativity'. The world is changing and those who are able to think outside the box are the one's that are wanted for the job," Studley said.



Painting by Art V student and senior Emily Broadwell.

Drawing by sophomore and Art III student Dayamy Sanchez.



Painting by junior and Art IV student MacKenzie Knapp.



Drawing by Art III student and junior Morgan Morse.

Senior attempts new tradition at NW

BY KATIE SMALLWOOD

When walking through the halls of Northwest, one may notice a lack of color other than brick. Looking for some creativity and color senior Luke Sutherland, with the help of a teacher, came up with the idea of Senior Murals.

"[Journalism teacher Beth] Kavan was talking about how bare our walls were and she said that other schools have their walls decorated. I said we should do murals," Sutherland said.

The Senior Murals would be medium sized so there can be room for many future classes.

"The murals are something that will represent the senior class. It will only be one mural for the whole class, not per person. The plan for the mural is we will put two boards up going down the hallway. Each class will take a canvas that is equivalent to two blocks wide by three blocks down. It will become a tradition that every senior class will come up with a [mural] to put

up on the wall," Sutherland said.

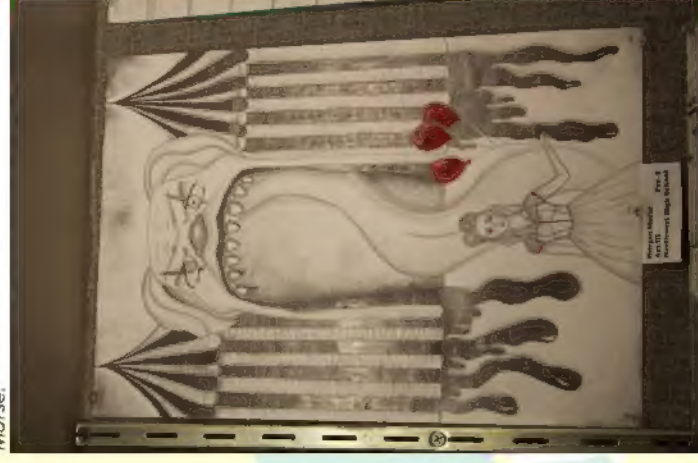
Though there were a few obstacles, Sutherland found ways to make it happen.

"We couldn't paint directly on the wall. If the school wanted to repaint the walls, the murals would be lost forever. [The murals also need] be sort of small because if we make this a tradition then we need lots of wall room," Sutherland said.

After all the planning, Sutherland got the mural idea approved.

"I brought the idea up to the principal, Mr. Krupicka and asked him if he would approve of this action. He was interested and took the idea in front of the board and they liked it too and approved," Sutherland said.

Any seniors interested in helping with the murals can contact Luke by emailing him at 7suther@ginorthwest.org



FFA skillfully plans event for students' futures

Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, FFA proves that they are investing in the futures of all students--farmers or not

By EFFY WIDFIELD

Northwest High School administration engages its students by hosting many events, such as allowing fundraisers to take place and holding hunger awareness lunches. Additionally, administration encourages and inspires students to approach them with their own ideas.

FFA is one group that has taken advantage of this opportunity and has ideas for some big events at Northwest. This last November, the Career Fair on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break was put on by Jessica Brondel and the FFA with the approval of local administration.

"We go to the school and say 'Hey, this

is what we want to do,' and basically ask for their support in the matter. Last year was our first year for [the Career Fair], and it was a FFA inspired activity. Then we felt that it was necessary to do it again, so I asked for the FBLA to come on board with that this year just to help in the planning," Jessica Brondel, overseer of Northwest's FFA, said.

Future Business Leaders did a lot to make the fair happen.

"Our nine FBLA Officers and two additional members welcomed vendors when they arrived and helped set up their areas in the New Gym. Each officer was also assigned a breakout session to assist the presenter. They also helped vendors tear down their booths when the Fair was over," said FBLA overseer Lori Cooper.

Last year's fair was so successful that the school-sponsored, FFA-inspired event was expanded this year with break-out lecture sessions to further educate students about certain businesses, colleges, and even dress-code.

While some FFA members contacted Grand Island businesses to sort out logistics,

other FFA members were actively involved in setting up the Career Fair event.

"I had to help set up the area for the displays in the gym and had to help [representatives] find where to go and get started on time so it would run as smooth as possible," junior Dalton Quandt said.

Because Northwest is often involved in the Grand Island community, there wasn't much behind-the-scenes hassle.

"Northwest FFA has a good reputation, so many people didn't mind coming and helping Northwest High School out to teach kids about careers that might interest them. None of it would have been possible without Mrs. Brondel going above and beyond, spending personal time [to get] every detail

planned out," sophomore Dayamy Sanchez said.

Although FFA is based in agriculture and horticulture, a big part of the club is learning about running a business and volunteering in the community.

"FFA is not just for farm kids. FFA does many volunteer gigs and helps out the community lots," Sanchez added.

*"FFA is not just for farm kids. FFA does many volunteer gigs and helps out the community lots."
-sophomore Dayamy Sanchez*



Each grade took turns visiting business and college displays in the gym during the career fair.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LORI COOPER

Ping pong serves up leadership opportunity

By BRENDEN HOLLING

Looking for a way to gain leadership skills, senior Andrew Urbom has started a new club at Northwest. Ping Pong Club is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7 to 8 AM.

Urbom came up with idea during his college class.

"They have a ping pong table at Central Community College and Matthew Fredricks, Jaydon Casillas, and I played it after our English class and we discussed bringing ping pong to Northwest," Urbom said.

While talking to the administration about starting a ping pong club, Urbom realized that this would be a great addition to his college applications.

"I needed examples of leadership roles on college applications and I thought this would

do," Urbom said.

Urbom bought a used ping pong table off of a local website before he knew there would even be a club. After he discussed the club with Northwest administration, he found a place to host this club.

"There is a new exercise room that the PE classes use and the ping pong table will be set up in there," Urbom said.

The last piece to the puzzle that Urbom had to figure out to make the club was to find a sponsor. Every activity needs a teacher to sponsor it and Urbom found science teacher Jeff Paige.

Urbom also had to figure out what style of play the club was going to be based off of.

"There will be tournaments certain weeks but it will be mostly leisure play," Urbom said.

Urbom is looking for new members to jumpstart his club.

"Talk to me, Mr. Paige, or any existing members. There will be also be a sign-up sheet in the near future," Urbom said.



Urbom returns a serve while playing table tennis at Central Community College in Grand Island.
PHOTO BY BRENDEN HOLLING

CAPRICORN

22 DECEMBER-20 JANUARY

You will start the new year off peacefully and calmly. This month, you will have more impact behind your words than usual, which may make people feel intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS

21 JANUARY-19 FEBRUARY

Don't worry this month, dear Aquarius, you will be very fortunate in the workplace. You might get to be a part of a project you have been wanting to do for a long time.

PISCES

20 FEBRUARY-20 MARCH

During the new year, you'll have a love life that's thriving due to you adding more TLC. You also will come up with enough courage to do something you've wanted to do for a long time that you were too scared to do before.

ARIES

21 MARCH-19 APRIL

You will try and make something right this month with someone you have tension with. Adjustments are going to be necessary this month, but don't worry. It will all work out in the end.

TAURUS

20 APRIL-20 MAY

Be aware that you may be pressured to share your feelings with others and might not be ready to give out this information. Also, a certain someone will feel the same way about you as you do for them.

GEMINI

21 MAY-21 JUNE

You will come into a little bit of money in the new year, but if it is gone before you know it, don't worry. Your money drying up will be a blessing in disguise by making you determined to go out and earn your money.

CANCER

22 JUNE-23 JULY

Make sure you make time for yourself this month because you will be very stressed and moody. You will try to change something about your current lifestyle because you're not content with it.

LEO

24 JULY-23 AUGUST

This month will be full of boring things and just your regular routine. Your financial health might be in jeopardy this month because there are a few stressful situations that need to be worked out.

VIRGO

24 AUGUST-22 SEPTEMBER

Social media might be an issue for you this month. You will end up deleting a social media account or just changing the privacy settings due to problems with your account.

LIBRA

23 SEPTEMBER-22 OCTOBER

Much change will come along with the new year for you, Libra. Your work life might clash with your social life, which might mean it's time for a change in your work life.

SCORPIO

23 OCTOBER-22 NOVEMBER

Distractions at work, home, and school will cause you to not complete a certain degree or achievement you have been working for. This month, you will be taking part in activities that will make your pulse race because you will want to feel alive.

SAGITTARIUS

23 NOVEMBER-20 DECEMBER

A stress in your financial stability might cause a change in your money situation this month. Also, you might have a strained relationship with a sibling or relative this month that will cause you to put everything out in the open to find a solution.

Dear Hallmark: it's time to stop



By CELESTE THOMPSON

Christmas time is here, and you know what that means? No, not hot chocolate with marshmallows. No, not making gingerbread houses and wrapping presents. It means that Hallmark is almost through its awful Christmas movie season, only because they start their Christmas movie marathons literally the day after Halloween! Soon hopefully they will show the last showing of A Royal Christmas (which isn't even about Christmas, it just takes place during the Christmas season) and

many more incredibly cheesy and necessary movies. When December 1st hits, my mom is already DVRing the Hallmark channel that plays nonstop cheesy, "romantic" Christmas movies, causing my sister to scream at the T.V. and plug her ears until my mom changes the channel.

Some of Hallmark's Christmas movies aren't that bad, except all of them are the exact same. Sure, you can change the characters' setting and history, but the plot is almost identical. You could watch at least five minutes of the movie and already know the outcome of it. The

guy falls in love with the girl, they go to the North Pole somehow, and they have to save Christmas because something bad happened to dear old Santa Claus, oh no! Wait, don't forget the 50 movies about a girl who has to relive Christmas day over and over again until she learns what she is doing wrong and has to re-do each of those days until she gets it right. There's many more cliché Christmas movie plots that I didn't add, and frankly I don't care enough about them to mention them.

Also, can we talk about the fact that they make greeting cards. Yeah, they do, but they should just stick to making greeting cards. Writing cheesy Christmas cards for your grandma is what they do best. Their Christmas movies are so bad and their clicheness makes me want to cry tears of melancholy. Who wants to cry because a movie is so bad? No one. I enjoy their greeting cards, but no movies. Why do they even have their own TV channel? It escapes my mind how a person can sit through a whole Hallmark movie in general. Not to mention they have the same actresses in everything.

Overall, Hallmark it's time to stop.



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By BRENDEN HOLLING

MALLORY BECKMANN

Middle School: 1-R

Activities: Cheerleading, Volleyball, FFA, Hunting.

Plans after high school: Attend UNL and study fisheries and wildlife

Advice for underclassmen:

Don't worry about what people have to say about you.



QUINN CRUZ

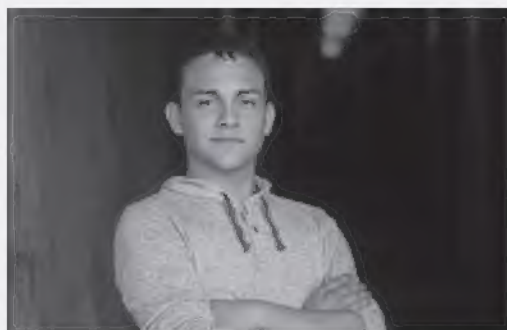
Middle School: Westridge

Activities: Working at Shopko

Plans after high school: Get any kind of higher education, possibly CCC.

Advice for underclassmen:

Don't believe anything you hear, you could hate someone for something that isn't even true.



ARTHAN BHATT

Middle School: Cedar Hollow

Activities: FBLA, Track, Intermural basketball (2x Champ), Quiz Bowl, Speech, One Act, NHS, Science Olympiad.

Plans after high school: Major in biological engineering.

Advice for underclassmen: Arthan missed the deadline to tell us his advice, so this is his advice: Don't procrastinate.



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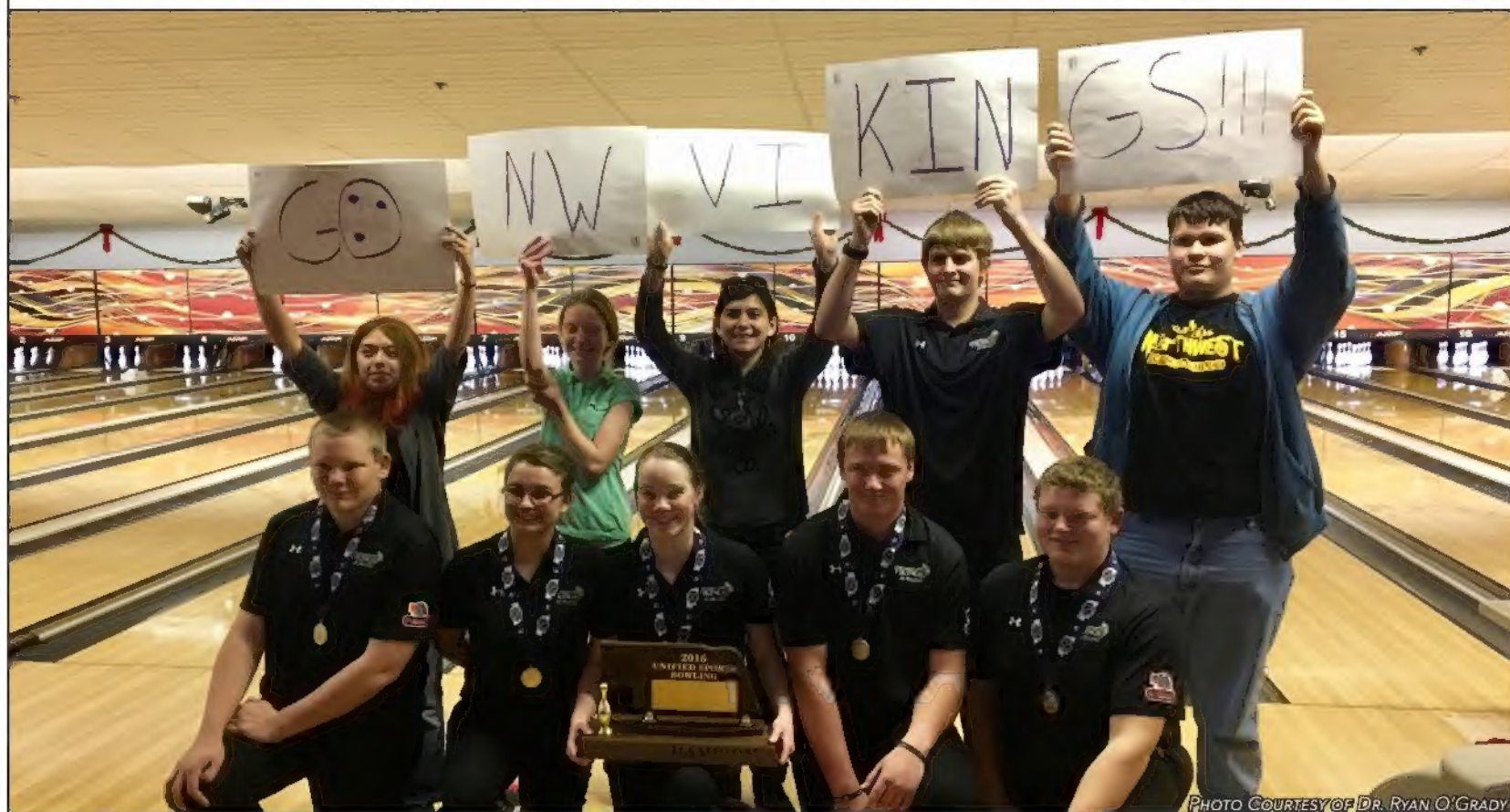


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The Unified Bowling Team poses with their championship trophy. The team includes Coach Nikki Bradley, sophomore Jordan Starman, junior Jacob Mueller, senior Alyssa Leitschuck, sophomore Shalee Bradley, and junior Brennin Leach.

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The NSAA sanctioned Unified Bowling for the first time this year. 44 schools from across the state competed in weekly competitions from October 29th through November 26th. District competition for the Northwest bowlers held in Grand Island on November 29th. The Northwest Unified Bowling team competed against Grand Island Senior High, Lexington, McCook and Central Valley. The Northwest team won the district competition by 300 pins. Congratulations to Coach Nikki Bradley and the Northwest bowlers on winning the inaugural season of the NSAA State Unified Bowling Championship!